

The Life Cycle of the Bee – Issue date 12th April 2024

Omission of Royal Cypher on Gummed values

The Isle of Man Post Office very much regrets that the entire supply of 'The Life of Bees' issue in sheets with normal gum has been printed with the Royal cypher omitted: the error affects all six values.

Isle of Man Stamps & Coins apologies for this very unfortunate error which was first noticed on issue day, 12 April 2024 with many customers already supplied with their stock.

We have checked against UPU regulations and can confirm that the stamps in question conform and are therefore valid for postage purposes. We have provided our sincere apologies to the Office of the Private Secretary to H M King Charles III Lord of Man for the omission, and reassure our Collectors that measures have been put in place to tighten up our proofing and stock preparation processes.

The error does not affect the self-adhesive version of the stamps printed as a sheetlet which was produced by a different process.

Philatelic products had already been prepared using stamps with the error: these will remain on sale until stocks are exhausted or the planned withdrawal date of the 31st December 2024 is reached.

Customers who have received the incorrect stamps may, if they wish, return these for a full refund.

Standing order customers, who have yet to receive their requirements, will receive the stamps with the error of no Royal cypher around 28th May 2024 in line with their standing order requirements and all other issues released during April and May 2024.

All 2024 Year Collections will include the stamps as issued on the 12th April in gummed form.

Once again we would like to apologise for any inconvenience or upset we may inadvertently have caused to our collectors.

Maxine Cannon